



## ISSUES/DESCRIPTIONS REPORT

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**WBZ-TV Boston**

WBZ-TV Boston, MA  
Quarterly Issues/Program List  
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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

WBZ-TV broadcasts both locally produced and network programming. Although we include primarily local programs herein, WBZ-TV broadcasts several network programs, including Face The Nation, 60 Minutes, and 48 Hours, which we believe also serve community needs and interests.

### PROGRAM INDEX

**I-Team Reports** – Reporters Karen Anderson and Joe Shortleeve provide an investigative look at major institutions and events within the viewing area. Issues related to government, politics, business, finance, corruption, and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts. Duration: range from two minutes to four minutes. Air: Monday - Friday, 6pm and 11pm.

**Healthwatch** – Medical reports on recent developments and potential treatments in medicine. Duration: one minute and thirty seconds. Air: Monday - Friday, 5pm and 6pm.

**“Centro”** – Regularly scheduled news interview broadcast segment providing an in-depth exploration of issues concerning the Latino community with host Yadires Nova-Salcedo. Duration: four minutes and thirty seconds. Air: Saturday, 7:50am.

**Keller At Large** – Political Analyst Jon Keller interviews local politicians and community leaders to create dialogue about current events and issues of importance to New England citizens. Duration: eight minutes. Air: Sunday, 8:45am.

**"Wednesday's Child"** - News anchor Jack Williams is successfully increasing public awareness of the needs of children waiting for adoptive families. These children are primarily school-aged children, children of color of all ages, sibling groups and children who face intellectual, physical or emotional challenges. Duration: 2-3 minutes. Air: Wednesday, 6pm.

**"What's in Our Community"** – A 4-minute feature segment that airs within the 30-minute "What's in Store" program. "What's in Store" is a half hour program that highlights businesses and entrepreneurs in the region and airs some Saturdays at 11:35pm or Sundays at 11am. The "What's in Our Community" piece features the outstanding work of a local charity and/or community outreach organization. Duration: 4-minutes within thirty-minute program.

### **I-Team**

10/1/12: The I-Team reports there is concern valuable time is being lost in some cases with the way some communities have implemented the changes to the 911 emergency system.

10/2/12: Joe Shortsleeve reports dozens of Massachusetts families who all used the same moving company say their moving day was a nightmare. Now the I-Team has learned that company, Father and Son Moving and Storage, is under investigation by State Attorney General Martha Coakley.

10/3/12: The I-Team reports two federal convicts, who are violent career criminals, could now have their cases reopened because Annie Dookhan, the chemist at the center of the drug lab scandal, tested their drugs.

10/8/12: The I-Team has discovered the number of bike thefts is soaring across the state.

10/22/12: The I-Team reports the new head of the MBTA, Beverly Scott, is leaving a troubled transportation system in Atlanta. Scott will now inherit huge problems when she takes over the MBTA.

10/23/12: The I-Team reports regular inspections could have prevented the meningitis outbreak originated at the New England Compounding Center (NECC). The I-Team's Karen Anderson reports hundreds of documents released by the state show a history of problems at NECC, many warning signs, and very few inspections.

10/23/12: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports the State Transportation Secretary admits he did not know about the mess the MBTA's new GM is leaving behind. Beverly Scott had been running Atlanta's transit system since 2007, but as the I-Team first reported, an audit found that system needs a major financial overhaul.

10/25/12: The I-Team has learned that Sgt. Jay Staples, a 30-year veteran of the State Police, was living in an RV parked on city property without paying rent or parking fees and also appeared to be using electricity without permission.

10/26/12: The I-Team reports a woman says a TSA agent at Logan Airport stole jewelry from her bag.

10/31/12: The I-Team reports the state is trying to come up with millions of dollars to fix a growing problem that people drive underneath every day, aging light poles.

11/7/12: The I-Team reports a former female police officer is speaking out about sexual harassment in the Salem State University police department.

11/8/12: The I-Team reports the Attorney General is taking action against Father and Son Moving and Storage after dozens of customers have filed complaints saying their furniture was held hostage. The I-Team also reports the Framingham building inspector is resigning a year after being placed on paid leave in the wake of an I-Team investigation. Additionally, the I-Team's Karen Anderson reports parents understand injuries can happen in soccer, but what they don't realize is the greatest danger may be from unanchored soccer goals that can tip over and put players in real danger.

11/9/12: The I-Team reports if your dead bolt is not properly installed, burglars may be able to get in without any trouble.

11/12/12: The I-Team reports sick puppies are being shipped into Massachusetts, and for some families, the outcome is heartbreaking and expensive.

11/20/12: The I-Team found some of the highest rates of crimes and other offenses committed by students are not just in the inner city, but in suburban schools too.

11/21/12: The I-Team investigation into high crime rates in public schools has uncovered a Brockton elementary school bucking the trend with an innovative program teaching kids that being good is actually cool.

12/6/12: The I-Team's Joe Shortsleeve reports the government is taking money earmarked for projects and spending it elsewhere.

12/7/12: The I-Team reports a Massachusetts State Police task force that hunts down stolen cars may be forced to shut down.

12/10/12: A source close to the design and construction of the Zakim Bridge tell the I-Team that ice has been falling from the bridge since it opened, putting drivers at risk.

## **Healthwatch**

10/1/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds the HPV Vaccine is safe and has few side effects when administered to young girls.

10/2/12: Healthwatch reports a new survey by the Mass Medical Society says that community hospitals outside of Boston are struggling to recruit and keep enough physicians.

10/3/12: Healthwatch reports chemicals from the state's spraying efforts to kill mosquitoes are turning up in bodies of water, including drinking water.

10/4/12: Healthwatch reports nearly 200 people in New Hampshire were exposed to tainted medications and now they are at risk of developing a deadly strain of meningitis.

10/5/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds providing free birth control can lower the number of unplanned pregnancies and abortions.

10/8/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows that eating tomatoes can reduce your risk of a stroke.

10/9/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows losing weight with a group is effective even if there isn't a health professional leading the group.

10/10/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows the flu shot is safe for your children even if they are allergic to eggs.

10/11/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds heart attack patients are less likely to have certain life-saving treatments in states that require more transparency.

10/12/12: Healthwatch reports bacteria found in your shower could develop into a serious illness called Nontuberculous Mycobacteria.

10/15/12: Healthwatch reports on a new study where researchers in Texas found that fat tissues feed cancer.

10/16/12: Healthwatch reports researchers have found some people's brains do not respond to a hormone called Leptin that regulates appetite. This causes them to keep eating, and gain weight.

10/17/12: Healthwatch reports researchers from Mass General say only one third of smokers who try to quit incorporate behavior support or medication. Both of these treatments have been proven effective.

10/18/12: Healthwatch reports on a new study which found energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs emit high levels of ultra violet radiation.

10/19/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows if patients have access to their doctors notes they become better patients.

10/22/12: Healthwatch reports researchers in Sweden found people exposed to mold in their homes are at an increased risk of chronic inflammatory lung disease.

10/23/12: Healthwatch reports the state of Massachusetts is moving to revoke the license of the New England Compounding Center after finding a host of unsanitary conditions and mass production of drugs.

10/24/12: Healthwatch reports a new study links lack of sleep to weight gain.

10/25/12: Healthwatch reports a recent study found up to 36% of test results were delayed 90 days or longer, prompting the Department of Public Health to propose changes.

10/26/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds Hormone replacement therapy could help prevent Alzheimer's.

10/26/12: Healthwatch reports researchers in Canada found people who watched clips of exercise programs were turned off to exercise rather than motivated to work out.

10/31/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds that people who eat processed cheese and meat in a breakfast sandwich experience a decrease in blood vessel function.

11/1/12: Healthwatch reports a new study looked at 187 women going through menopause and found hypnotic relaxation therapy reduced hot flashes by as much as 80 percent.

11/2/12: Healthwatch reports on a new study that deals with what they call short sleep... which is 4 hours or less. Researchers found not sleeping enough stimulated a specific hormone and that stimulates hunger.

11/5/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows people consume more than double the amount of recommended salt intake.

11/6/12: Healthwatch reports a new study about multi-vitamins and men shows when it comes to keeping your heart healthy the supplements may not make any difference at all.

11/7/12: Healthwatch reports Question 3 has passed- the use of Medical Marijuana would allow patients with certain health conditions the right to use put to ease their pain.

11/8/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds evidence cholesterol drugs could help fight cancer.

11/9/12: Healthwatch reports doctors are finding that by standing up we can decrease our chances of developing some cancers, diabetes and obesity.

11/12/12: Healthwatch reports a new study suggests being sick while pregnant can increase the risk of having a child with autism.

11/13/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds graphic warning labels on cigarettes are effective.

11/14/12: Healthwatch reports people who have diabetes are twice as likely as non-diabetics to have hearing problems.

11/15/12: Healthwatch reports the FDA is investigating reports of heart attacks and other health problems related to five hour energy drinks.

11/16/12: Healthwatch reports nearly half of Americans are now protected in some way by smoking bans. This is a big jump from 12 years ago when only 3 percent of Americans were protected.

11/19/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows unemployment can take a big toll on a person's health.

11/20/12: Healthwatch reports a new study suggests allowing people to buy birth control pills over the counter could help lower unintentional pregnancy rates.

11/21/12: Healthwatch reports researchers are beginning human trials on a drug that could help patients with Alzheimer's disease.

11/22/12: Healthwatch reports it is estimated the average American will eat nearly 4500 calories on Thanksgiving Day; that is more than double the normal amount of calories.

11/23/12: Healthwatch reports Ran Baxy pharmaceutical is recalling dozens of lots of its generic version of Lipitor because some may contain tiny glass particles.

11/26/12: Healthwatch reports staying active may slow dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

11/27/12: Healthwatch reports childhood injuries related to inflatable bounce houses are on the rise; they have nearly doubled in two years.

11/28/12: Healthwatch reports researchers have said for years that the dietary supplements often found in yogurt help digestion. But now scientists believe the so called "good bacteria" could also reduce bad cholesterol and battle the common cold.

11/29/12: Healthwatch reports a new drug could help people with insomnia. Researchers found Suvorexant increased the amount of time people slept through the night.

11/30/12: Healthwatch reports researchers at the National Cancer Institute say taking aspirin may help lower your risk of liver cancer.

12/3/12: Healthwatch reports a new study found pesticides and tap water could be causing more Americans to develop food allergies.

12/4/12: Healthwatch reports the CDC is reporting the flu season is off to its earliest start in more than a decade. They say they are seeing higher than normal cases of the flu in southern states.

12/5/12: Healthwatch reports researchers at Brown say smoking can make hangovers worse.

12/6/12: Healthwatch reports scientists found parents live longer than childless couples who tried to have kids but were not able to conceive. They also found people who adopt a child also live longer.

12/7/12: Healthwatch reports scientists at Brigham and Women's and Harvard Medical School found that micro-nutrients found in fresh fruit can actually keep tumors from growing.

12/10/12: Healthwatch reports new research shows cutting back on salty foods such as French fries and chips, could help in the battle against childhood obesity.

12/11/12: Healthwatch reports a Canadian study found women who were physically active at the age of 20 lived three years longer than those who were not physically active.

12/12/12: Healthwatch reports health experts are now concerned about a growing number of patients coming forward with previously undetected abscesses. If untreated, the abscesses can lead to permanent nerve damage as well as meningitis.

12/13/12: Healthwatch reports scientists say there is a compound in broccoli which could treat leukemia. In the lab, the compound cut down the type of cells that cause a common form of leukemia in children.

12/14/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds life expectancy has increased 10 years since the 1970's; but many people are spending more years living with illnesses such as cancer and heart disease.

12/17/12: Healthwatch reports a new study by Duke University found people who combined aerobic activity with weight training did not shed as many pounds as people who stuck to aerobics like walking running or swimming.

12/18/12: Healthwatch reports the public is invited to discuss the future of two wind turbines operating in Falmouth. Neighbors have blamed the turbines for nausea, vertigo and other health issues.

12/19/12: Healthwatch reports researchers warn that people who used aspirin regularly for at least 10 years are more likely to be at risk of macular degeneration - a condition that can lead to blindness.

12/20/12: Healthwatch reports researchers found people with severe asthma are nine times more likely to develop a condition that blocks arteries in the lungs.

12/21/12: Healthwatch reports some heart patients waiting for a transplant are getting to spend the holidays at home. Doctors are giving some patients artificial hearts while they wait for another transplant.

12/24/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows nearly a third of children with allergies are bullied at school.

12/25/12: Healthwatch reports a new study finds inflammation in your body could be an early warning that you are at risk of seasonal depression. Researchers found elevated levels of something called C - reactive protein linked to psychological distress and depression.

12/26/12: Healthwatch reports researchers at the CDC found the rates of obesity have dropped about 14.9 percent among children four and under.

12/27/12: Healthwatch reports a new study shows an MRI may be an effective way to screen patients for Alzheimer's disease. Researchers found the test was accurate 75 percent of the time.

12/28/12: Healthwatch reports a drug traditionally used to lower cholesterol could help fight cerebral malaria.

12/31/12: Healthwatch reports millions of smokers are making the New Year's resolution to kick the habit. The CDC estimates less than 10 percent will be successful.

## **Centro**

10/6/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Andrew Williams, United Postal Service employee and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Loaned Executive, about the CFC Campaign of Eastern Massachusetts. The CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charitable campaign.



10/13/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Safelink hotline and outreach manager Jenny Efimova about what is happening during the month of October, which is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and about "Safelink," the only domestic violence hotline in the state of Massachusetts.

10/20/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Massachusetts Department of Public Health Community Health Education Manager Omar Cabrera about staying healthy during the flu season.

10/27/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Esteban Pena, one of the coordinators of Happy Faces, a foundation that was created in Boston with the goal of helping children with limited resources in Latin America. On Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> the organization is holding its First Annual Gala Dinner to raise funds so it can continue with its important mission.

11/3/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with two representatives from the Mayor's Office, Director of Emergency Management Rene Fielding and Director for the Department of Neighborhood Development Sheila Dillon, about important information people should know when it comes to repairing their home or business impacted by hurricane Sandy.

11/10/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Avi Green, Co-Director for the non-partisan non-profit organization MassVOTE about the impact Latino voters made on the 2012 elections.

11/17/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Reverend Cheng Imm Tan, Director of the Mayor's Office on New Bostonians, about the multicultural annual "We Are Boston" gala event.

11/24/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Janet Collazo, head of La Alianza Hispana, about her retirement after dedicating years of her life to giving back to the Latino community in Boston and the future of this important community organization.

12/1/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Ramon Soto, President of The Jolgorio Navideno, New England's largest Hispanic holiday gala being held Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>.

12/8/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Sam Acevedo, Executive Director of the Boston Higher Education Resource Center (HERC), about the 7<sup>th</sup> annual "A Sparking Affair," a holiday event at the UMass Boston campus December 8<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Community Gems, a collaboration of five different non-profit organizations in Boston.

12/22/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Latin music star Domenic Marte about his new Christmas song, just in time for the holidays.

12/29/12: WBZ's Yadires Nova-Salcedo talks with Geri Guardino, Director of First Night Boston, about First Night Boston 2013, a huge indoor/outdoor celebration everyone can enjoy.

### **Keller At Large**

10/7/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Steve Tolman, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, discussing labor's role in the 2012 elections and in helping revive the Massachusetts Economy.

10/14/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews non-verbal communication expert Don Khoury, who analyzes the body language of the candidates in recent Presidential and US Senate debates.

10/21/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Bristol County Sheriff Tom Hodgson (R), discussing criminal justice policy, immigration reform, and the future of the Massachusetts Republican Party.

10/28/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Glen Johnson, political editor of Boston.com, discussing stretch-run developments in the races for US Senate, Congress, and President.

11/4/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Joe Mathieu, WBZ Newsradio 1030, discussing polling and late news developments in the election.

11/11/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews John Walsh, Massachusetts Democratic Party chairman, analyzing the reasons for the party's sweeping victories in Massachusetts on Election Day.

11/18/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Charley Manning, GOP consultant, discussing what went wrong for local and national Republican candidates.

11/25/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, discussing the election results, the future of the pro-life movement, the political clout of the Catholic Church and the role of women in the church.

12/2/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Rep. Brad Jones (R-N. Reading), House GOP leader, discussing new taxes, state budget shortfalls, and the controversy over in-state tuition for kids of illegal immigrants.

12/9/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Congressman Stephen Lynch (D-Ninth District) on efforts to avoid the "fiscal cliff" and the potential impact of federal budget cuts on the Massachusetts economy.

12/16/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Martha Coakley (D-Attorney General), discussing the hung jury in the Tim Cahill corruption trial, her fines of major Massachusetts utilities for their performance in recent storms, and her political future.

12/23/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Joe Mathieu, WBZ Newsradio 1030, analyzing the upcoming US Senate race and the congressional deadlock on avoiding the fiscal cliff.

12/30/12: WBZ's Jon Keller interviews Jim O'Sullivan, political reporter for the National Journal, discussing the political year in review locally and nationally.

### **What's in Our Community?**

10/14/12: What's in Our Community highlights Angel Flight New England. President Larry Camerlin along with volunteers Jim Cear and Carol Shapiro came in to talk about helping WBZ account executive Ben Newman during his battle with pancreatic cancer, becoming an "Earth Angel" and the 15<sup>th</sup> annual "Evening of Angels" event.

11/3/12: What's in Our Community highlights Perkins, formerly Perkins School for the Blind. President Steven Rothstein came in to discuss the name change, a new product called the "Smart Brailier," the Disability Job Fair and the Perkins Holiday Concert.

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